SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

LOUIS KENNETH RISKEN *v.* UNITED STATES

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 86-85. Decided October 20, 1986

The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

JUSTICE WHITE, with whom JUSTICE BRENNAN joins, dissenting.

This case presents the issue whether 18 U. S. C. § 1503 prohibits witness tampering. In this case, the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit held that witness tampering is punishable under this provision. 788 F. 2d 1361 (CA8 1986). For the reasons stated in my previous dissent from denial of certiorari in *Cooper* v. *United States* and *Wesley* v. *United States*, 471 U. S. 1130 (1985), and consistent with my dissent from denial of certiorari in *Rovetuso* v. *United States*, 474 U. S. —— (1986), I would grant certiorari.